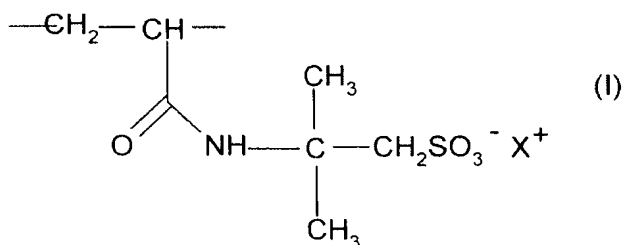


IN THE CLAIMS

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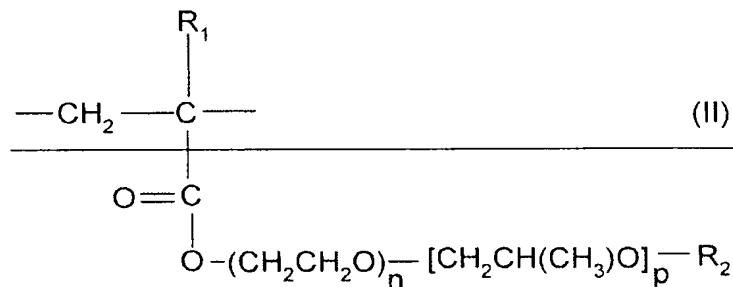
Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition suitable for topical application comprising an oily phase dispersed in an aqueous phase, at least one wax, and at least one non-crosslinked amphiphilic polymer, said polymer comprising from:

(a) ~~80 mol%~~ 85 mol% to 99 mol% of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid (AMPS) units of formula (I) below:

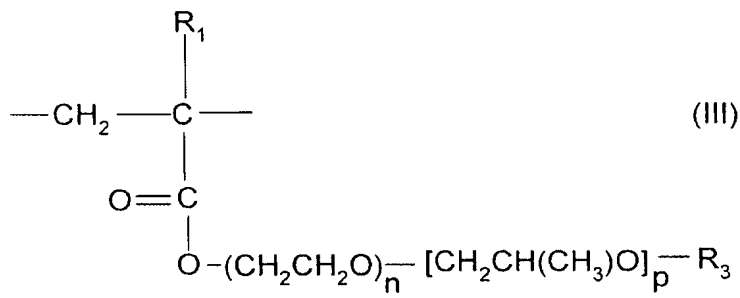


in which X⁺ is a proton, an alkali metal cation, an alkaline-earth metal cation, an ammonium ion or an organic cation; and

(b) ~~1 mol% to 20 mol%~~ of units of formula (II) below:



in which n and p, independently of each other, denote an integer ranging from 0 to 24, with the proviso that n + p is less than 25; R₁ denotes a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R₂ denotes a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 6 to 30 carbon atoms 1 mol% to 15 mol% of units of formula (III):

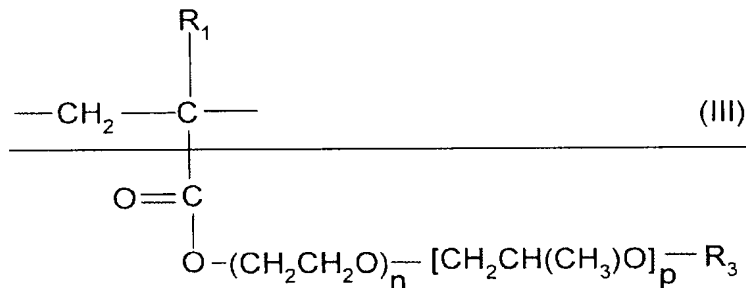


in which n and p, independently of each other, denote an integer ranging from 7 to 24, with the proviso that n + p is less than 25; R1 denotes a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R3 denotes a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer is partially or totally neutralized with a mineral or organic base.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer comprises:

- (a) ~~85 mol% to 99 mol%~~ of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid (AMPS) units of formula (I), and
- (b) ~~1 mol% to 15 mol%~~ 10 mol% of units of formula (III):



~~in which n and p, independently of each other, denote an integer ranging from 7 to 24, with the proviso that n + p is less than 25; R1 denotes a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched~~

~~alkyl radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R3 denotes a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 6 to 15 carbon atoms.~~

Claim 4 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer comprises units of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid (AMPS) or a sodium or ammonium salt thereof, and units obtained by reaction of a (meth)acrylic acid ester and one of the following:

- a C10-C18 alcohol oxyethylenated with 8 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C11 oxo alcohol oxyethylenated with 8 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C11 oxo alcohol oxyethylenated with 7 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C12-C14 alcohol oxyethylenated with 7 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C12-C14 alcohol oxyethylenated with 9 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C12-C14 alcohol oxyethylenated with 11 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C16-C18 alcohol oxyethylenated with 8 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C16-C18 alcohol oxyethylenated with 15 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C16-C18 alcohol oxyethylenated with 11 mol of ethylene oxide,
- a C16-C18 alcohol oxyethylenated with 20 mol of ethylene oxide.

Claim 5 (Original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the polymer is a copolymer comprising the following units:

91.5 mol% of AMPS and 8.5 mol% of a C12-C14 alkyl methacrylate comprising 7 oxyethylene groups; or

92.65 mol% of AMPS and 7.35 mol% of a C16-C18 alkyl methacrylate comprising 8 oxyethylene groups.

Claim 6 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of amphiphilic polymer(s) ranges from 0.05% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 7 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oily phase represents from 15% to 75% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of wax(es) ranges from 0.1% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 9 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the wax is selected from the group consisting of mineral waxes, waxes of animal origin, waxes of plant origin, hydrogenated oils that are solid at 25°C, fatty esters and glycerides that are solid at 25°C, synthetic waxes and silicone waxes, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the wax is selected from the group consisting of carnauba wax, polyethylene waxes with a starting melting point of greater than 65°C, microcrystalline waxes with a starting melting point of greater than 65°C, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 11 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is substantially free of emulsifying surfactant.

Claim 12 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition constitutes a cosmetic or dermatological composition.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A method for performing at least one of caring for skin, protecting skin, making up skin, caring for lips, protecting lips, making up lips, and caring for hair, comprising applying the composition of Claim 1 to the skin, lips or hair.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method for performing at least one of caring for sensitive skin, protecting sensitive skin, and making up sensitive skin, comprising applying the composition of Claim 1 to sensitive skin.

Claim 15 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition, after storage for 24 hours at all temperatures between 4°C and 50°C, shows no macroscopic change in colour, odour or viscosity and no variation in pH.

Claim 16 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition has a viscosity at 25°C of 0.1 to 25 Pa.s as measured with a Rheomat 180 machine.

Claim 17 (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer has a weight-average molecular weight of 10,000 to 10,000,000.